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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

(Jointly Administered)

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc. (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRe Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179.

**NOTICE OF NINTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF  
ASK LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES AS COUNSEL FOR SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND ITS DEBTOR  
AFFILIATES, AS DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION  
FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that ASK LLP (“ASK”), special avoidance counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession has filed its Ninth Quarterly Report for Allowance of Contingent Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period From July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, seeking allowance and payment of ASK’s contingent fees in the amount of \$352,447.68 and actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$28,531.32 (the “Ninth Quarterly Report”).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that objections, if any, to the Ninth Quarterly Report and request for allowance of ASK’s contingent fees and reimbursement of expenses must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and served upon (i) ASK LLP, 2600 Eagan Woods Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55121 (Attn: Kara E. Casteel, Esq.) and (ii) the Standard Parties as defined and designated in the Bankruptcy Court’s Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures, dated November 1, 2018 (D.I. No. 405), so as to be received no later than **November 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. A hearing on the Ninth Quarterly Report shall be held only in the event timely objections are filed. In the event timely objections are filed, a hearing on the Ninth Quarterly Report and the objection(s) thereto will be scheduled and further notice of the date and time of such hearing will be provided.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, in the absence of any timely objections to the Ninth Quarterly Report, ASK shall file a certificate of no objection with the Bankruptcy Court, after which the fees and expenses requested in the Ninth Quarterly Report may be allowed by the Bankruptcy Court on an interim basis.

Dated: October 18, 2021

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**NINTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF ASK LLP AS SPECIAL  
AVOIDANCE COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Name of Applicant:	ASK LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, the debtors and debtors in possession
Date of Retention:	June 27, 2019 nunc pro tunc April 1, 2019
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$352,447.68
Amount of expense reimbursement as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$28,531.32
Exhibit A:	Summary of Expenses

1. ASK LLP (“ASK”) hereby provides its Ninth quarterly report seeking allowance of its contingency fees and reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (the “Ninth Report”) in accordance with the *Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of ASK LLP as Special Counsel to the Debtors, Effective Nunc Pro Tunc to April 1, 2019* [Docket No. 4374] (the “ASK Retention Order”).

2. ASK’s contingency fees total the amount of \$352,447.68, and incurred actual and necessary expenses total the amount of \$28,531.32.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the ASK Retention Order, ASK hereby submits its Ninth Report.

Dated: October 18, 2021

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**Exhibit "A"**

**EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD OF  
JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	
Computer Assisted Legal Research		\$2,368.08
Long Distance Telephone		\$340.26
In-House Reproduction		\$168.00 at .10 per page
Filing/Court Fees		\$2.73
Postage		\$105.25
Mediation		\$3,500.00
Foreign Service Fees		\$22,047.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$28,531.32</b>